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Memorandum

To: Parties Interested in Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Recovery and Management

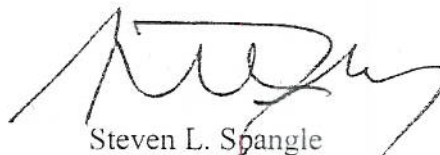
From: Field Supervisor

Subject: Proposal to Revise Southwestern Willow Flycatcher Critical Habitat

On August 15, 2011, we published a proposal to revise southwestern willow flycatcher (*Empidonax traillii extimus*) (flycatcher) critical habitat (*Federal Register* 76 FR 50542). We proposed approximately 2,090 miles of streamside riparian habitat within the 100-year floodplain in California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona. We also identified approximately 779 stream miles that we are considering for exclusion from the designation based upon section 4(b)(2) of the Endangered Species Act. The proposal and maps can be viewed and retrieved at <http://www.regulations.gov>, and electronic geographic information systems (GIS) layers of the proposal can be retrieved at <http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/arizona/Southwes.htm>. A hard copy of the proposal can be sent to you by contacting your appropriate local Ecological Services office.

The current comment period opened for 60 days following its publication date on August 15, 2011. When the draft National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Economic Analysis documents are available, we will contact you again. At that time, we will re-open the comment period to accept public comments on both draft comments in addition to the proposed rule.

You can submit comments electronically by going to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov> or by submitting a hard copy by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: FWS-R2-ES-2011-053; Division of Policy and Directives Management; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, MS 2042-PDM; Arlington, VA 22203. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us. Please see the Public Comments section of the proposed rule to read specific information we are seeking.



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